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THE OBSERVATOR.

Anſwers to the third Query in the Treaſonable Libel, call'd, An Oath to an Invader, *&c. from Scripture; and particularly from the Inſtance of the Abdication of* Rehoboam *by a Convention of the* Iſraelites, *&c. which fully juſtifies the Prince of* Orange *and the* Britiſh *Convention in dethroning King* James II. *and Excluding the whole Popiſh Line by Act of Parliament.*

From Saturday, September 22. to Wednesday, September 26. 1711.

Countrym. PRAY, Maſter, let's go on with our Anſwer to the Treaſonable Queries in the *Scottiſh* Libel, call'd, *An Oath to an Invader.*

Obſ. With all my heart, *Roger:* But before I come to the fourth Query, I muſt give the Queriſt an Anſwer to his Demand in the third Query, *viz. By what Rule of Scripture an Invader and his criminal Accomplices can pretend to ſummon the People to Council or Parliament?* &c. This is meant of King *William* and thoſe who join'd him at the Revolution, as is plain from the Oath of Abjuration, which the Author ſets down as the Oath he diſſects.

To this I anſwer, *Roger*, that the Practice of the Prince of *Orange* and the People of *Great Britain* who met in Convention at the Revolution, is juſtify'd by that of *Jeroboam* and the *Iſraelites*, which was approv'd by God himſelf, as appears 1 *Kings* 12. The Paſſage is thus: God having deſign'd to take the Kingdom of *Iſrael* from *Solomon*'s Poſterity, becauſe of his Apoſtacy to Idolatry and Tyranny, as is plain from his Story; he order'd the Prophet *Anijah* to anoint *Jeroboam* as future King of *Iſrael*, 1 Kings 11. 29, *&c.* Notwithſtanding this expreſs Declaration of God's Mind, *Solomon* was ſo far harden'd, that he look'd upon it, according to our High-Church Notion, to be a Fanatical Antimonarchical Plot, and ſought to murder *Jeroboam*, who thereupon fled to *Egypt*. After *Solomon*'s death, the *Iſraelites* ſent for *Jeroboam*, who invaded *Rehoboam*, as the Queriſt would call it, and ſummoning the whole Congregation of *Iſrael*, which our Tories would call a Rebellious Mob, they drew up their Grievances under *Solomon*'s Adminiſtration, with a Bill of Rights, according to the fundamental Laws of the Kingdom and the Original Contract, *Deut.* 17. 15, *&c.* and demanded that they ſhould be govern'd accordingly. But inſtead of liſtening to this juſt Requeſt, and to the Advice of the old Whigs that had been employ'd by his Father *Solomon*, he took the counſel of a parcel of young Tories, who had imbib'd the High-Church Doctrine, that Kings are accountable to none but God, and had a Right to Obedience without Limitation or Reſerve, and told the People that he would add to the heavy Yoke which his Father laid upon them, and inſtead of Whips, chaſtiſe them with Scorpions. The Convention of *Iſrael* knew that this was contrary to the Original Contract above-mention'd, and that ſuch a Tyrannical Adminiſtration and High-Church Doctrine had been condemn'd by the old Whig Prophet *Samuel* in his Prophecy of *Saul*'s Arbitrary Government, 1 *Sam.* 8, 9, &c. by which they ſhould be oppreſs'd, and cry to God for Relief, but in vain. The *Iſraelites* knowing all this, *Roger*, they abdicated *Rehoboam*, 1 Kings 12. 16. and ſaid, *What Portion have we in* David? *neither have we Inheritance in the Son of* Jeſſe: *To your Tents, O* Iſrael. *Now ſee to thine Houſe, O* David. *So* Iſrael *departed unto their Tents.* After this, *Rehoboam* aſſembled 180000 choſen Men to reduce theſe pretended Rebels; but God forbad him, and told that weak Prince by the Prophet *Shemaiah*, that the thing was from him; *ver.* 22, &c.

Countrym. That's a Scripture-Rule which makes the Jacobites Hearts to ake, and renders it impoſſible for their Heads to anſwer, Maſter. Their great Champion *Leſley* attempted it, but with no ſucceſs, as is evident to all but our Highfliers, who are ſtruck by God with a judicial Blindneſs.

Obſ. There can't be a fuller Juſtification of the late Revolution and the Abdication of K. *James* II. than this Inſtance, *Roger*. The Parallel holds in ſo many reſpects, that every man who is not wilfully blind muſt ſee it. *Solomon* oppreſs'd the People, and broke in upon the Fundamental Conſtitution by multiplying Horſes, Wives, Concubines, Horſemen, Chariots, *&c.* contrary to *Deut.* 17. 15, *&c.* and did not King *Charles* and King *James* II. do the like by their lewd Examples, by levying Mony without Law, keeping Armies on foot in time of Peace, by illegal Fines, arbitrary Puniſhments, and ſubverting the Conſtitution; by packing Parliaments, and robbing the Corporations of their Charters, *&c.* as is complain'd of in the Bill of Rights? *Solomon* apoſtatiz'd to Idolatry, King *James* ſaid his Brother King *Charles* did ſo, and 'tis certain he apoſtatiz'd himſelf, and was ſo far perverted by his laſt idolatrous Wife and her Prieſts, and by his Tory Proteſtant Counſellors, that he would liſten to no Redreſs, but choſe rather to quit the Kingdom than govern according to Law. Upon this the People of *Great Britain* dethron'd him, as the *Iſraelites* did *Rehoboam*, and ſet up *Jeroboam*, who appear'd at their head, and demanded a Redreſs of their Grievances; as theſe Nations advanc'd the Prince of *Orange* for the like reaſon. 'Twas one of the fundamental Laws of the Kingdom of *Iſrael*, That the King ſhould not turn away his Heart from God to Idols, *Deut.* 17. 17. which juſtifies our Acts for dethroning King *James*, and excluding the whole Popiſh Line, who have not only turn'd away their own Hearts, but would pervert thoſe of their Subjects to Idolatry. For that very reaſon God depriv'd *Jeroboam*'s Poſterity of their Lives and the Crown; yet our Highfliers and Jacobites, contrary to ſuch plain Inſtances from Scripture, will be ſatisfy'd with nothing leſs than the pretended Son of an abdicated idolatrous Prince, bred up in Idolatry and Tyranny, under the greateſt Tyrant and Perſecutor that the latter Ages of the World have produc'd.

Countrym. One would wonder that any Men who call themſelves Proteſtants ſhould act in ſuch manifeſt oppoſition to the Laws of God and the Land, and endeavour to ſubvert both, by their ridiculous

ridiculous and unſcriptural Doctrines of Unlimited Paſſive-Obedience and Hereditary Right. Nothing but an Infatuation from Heaven can ſhut the Eyes of the People from ſeeing what thoſe Men aim at. Their Principles have been ſo clearly and audaciouſly explain'd by their Invaſions, Rebellions, Sermons, Pamphlets, Addreſſes, Medals, Lampoons, Libels, and Trainband Songs, that all the World ſtands amaz'd at it; and yet they have the Impudence to threaten thoſe who write againſt Tyranny, and expoſe their Practices, and the Miſchiefs they have done the Nation: while they themſelves plead for Impunity, and have too frequently obtain'd it by their falſe Pretences of Zeal for the Crown and the Church; the Artifices by which they rais'd a Mob againſt the Queen and Parliament, to ſtop the Proſecution of *Sacheverel*, and fill'd the whole Nation with Tumults.

Obſ. Theſe things are too evident to be deny'd, *Roger*; but the Men we have to deal with are paſt ſhame, they bid Defiance to the Government, inſult the Conſtitution, revile our brave Generals, dreſs up our beſt Patriots in Bear-Skins, and load them with Calumnies, in order to mob them. They traduce our Allies, do all they can to diſhearten and break them, ſink our Credit at Home, ruin it Abroad, and ridicule the *Hanover* Succeſſion, by coupling it with their Hereditary Right. But we ſhall have occaſion to ſee more of their lovely Features, in the conſideration of the reſt of their Queries, and ſhall come to their fourth Query, God willing, in our next.

ADVERTISEMENT.

SOME of *Abel*'s Jacobite Prompters having drawn up a Paragraph for him, which was inſerted in his *Supplement* of Monday laſt; and wherein they turn Advocates for that Monſter of Tyranny *Nero*, and for the cheating Projector *Ceſellius Baſſus*, who impos'd upon that Tyrant and his ſlaviſh Admirers at *Rome*, by a pretended Diſcovery of a vaſt hidden Treaſury in *Africa*: This is to let thoſe, who manage the Puppet *Abel* behind the Curtain, know, that the villainous Application of thoſe Paſſages, and the Puniſhment due to it, is theirs, and not mine. We don't live now in an Age of Innuendo's, when Tories can put their own meaning upon other Mens Words, or influence Judges, and pack Juries to find it accordingly. Thoſe Practices were baniſh'd this Iſland by the late happy Revolution, nor has there been any *Nero* upon our Throne ſince that time, tho *Abel*'s Faction have villainouſly compar'd the late King *William* of Glorious Memory to that Monſter. Yet thoſe Wretches pretend to tremble when they hear the Story and Puniſhment of *Nero* apply'd to the *French* King, who ſo much reſembles him. This proves them indeed to be good Subjects to the Court of *St. Germains*, but Traitors to her Majeſty and the Succeſſion of the Family of *Hanover*, whom that brainleſs Incendiary calls an unneceſſary *Come-over*. Certainly this Tool, and thoſe who put that poor Witticiſm in his Head, deſerve to be call'd upon to explain their meaning, and to have a Meſſenger imploy'd to ſearch after them; for as ſilly as 'tis, every one knows it to be much above the Pen of that ſottiſh miſerable Wretch. His Prompters are highly miſtaken, if they think to engage the *Obſervator* with a Fellow, whoſe Impertinence and Malice he equally deſpiſes, who carries Fool in his Looks, and is capable of nothing but Nonſenſe and Scandal, for which he is ſo frequently kick'd and cuff'd. Tho were it worth while, and that his deſpicable Life could ballance the Expence of a Rope, he has publiſh'd ſuch things as upon Proſecution would bring him to a Halter. Thoſe who ſend Scandal to him by their Footmen, and who he boaſts imploy themſelves ſo honourably as to reviſe his Libels before they be printed off, are oblig'd to thank me for this Hint, and to take care that the Secret don't come out; ſince they know 'tis impoſſible to hinder a Fool from Babbling; and that by ingloriouſly betraying a poor ignorant Creature to the Gallows, they may endanger themſelves.

N. B. *In our laſt*, Col. 1. l. 19. *the words* from thoſe *were left out by the Miſtake of the Printer*; *ſo that the Query muſt be read thus*, 'How her Majeſty can have this Eſtate in 'the Crown by Hereditary Right, from thoſe 'who never had any Right at all to this E-'ſtate?'

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